

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 22 with the following amended paragraph:

[0027] The blade 60 has a body 61. The body includes a first shear face 62 and a second shear face 64. The first and second shear faces 62 and 64 may be substantially planar and parallel to one another. The first and second shear faces 62 and 64 are spaced from one another to define a thickness of the body 61. A guide surface 80 (shown as guide surfaces 80a-80b corresponding to first and second blades 60a-60b in FIG. 3) extends between the first and second shear faces 62 and 64 along a first elongate edge of the body 61. A first shear edge 82 is defined at the junction between the guide surface 80 and the first shear face 62. A second shear edge 84 is defined at the junction between the guide surface 80 and the second shear face 64. The first and second shear edges 82 and 84 (shown as first and second shear edges 82a-82b and 84a-84b corresponding to first and second blades 60a-60b in FIG. 3) may be parallel to one another and spaced from one another by the thickness of the body 61.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

[0028] As noted above, the blade 60 may be carried by the casing 32 of the housing 30. The blade 60 may be attached to the casing 32 in at least two different operative orientations, with a first mount 70a mating with the casing 32 to orient the blade in a first operative orientation and a second mount 70b used to mount the blade 60 in a second operative orientation. In the illustrated embodiment, the first mount 70a comprises a first pair of mounting holes passing through the thickness of the body 61 and the second mount 70b comprises a second pair of mounting holes passing through the thickness of the body 61. In particular, the blade 60 has a central mounting hole 66, which may be disposed generally midway along the length of the blade 60. A first outer mounting hole 68 is spaced a fixed mounting distance D from the central mounting hole 66 in a first direction and a second outer mounting hole 69 is spaced the same fixed mounting distance D from the central mounting hole 66 in a second direction. The second outer mounting hole 69 are referred to as the second outer mounting holes 69a-69b in FIG. 3 corresponding to the first and second blades 60a and 60b.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 23 with the following amended paragraph:

[0041] FIG. 6 illustrates a first blade 160a and a second blade 160b attached to the casing 32 of the housing 30. Each of the blades 160a-b is attached to the casing 32 via the first pair (170a in FIG. 5B) of mounting holes by passing the first and second mounting rods 42 and 44 therethrough. This orients the first shear edge ~~182a~~ 182 of the first blade 160a and the first shear edge ~~182a~~ 182 of the second blade 160b adjacent the cutting member 90 to cut a workpiece W.